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**Amendment to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 1, lines 2-9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to and includes by reference the following application in its entirety, said application being concurrently filed herewith this application:

Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PACKET LEVEL DISTRIBUTED ROUTING  
IN FIBER OPTIC RINGS

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